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Mr. John W. Macy, Jr.
Executive Director
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macy:

This is in reply to the Commission's recent request for information concerning Personnel Security Officers designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In accordance with the sample regulations transmitted with the President's letter of 27 April 1953, the Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency has been designated as the Personnel Security Officer, with the authority and responsibility to review and evaluate investigative reports under Executive Order 10450.

The following data are furnished in the sequence requested in your letter:

1. Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency.
2. The incumbent is under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director (Administration), who is a member of the immediate staff of the Director of Central Intelligence.
3. Appointed Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, on 1 July 1947.
4. The following is a current official position description of the duties of the Director of Security insofar as it pertains to his duties as Personnel Security Officer:

The Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, under the administrative direction of the Deputy Director (Administration), Central Intelligence Agency, is charged with the responsibility for:

- a. Obtaining and evaluating through investigations and liaison contact pertinent information regarding personnel proposed for employment, assignment,

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or association with the Agency. Approving or disapproving from a security standpoint the employment or utilization of individuals by the Agency.

b. Developing and carrying out activities to provide for the protection of classified information and activities of the Agency by detecting and preventing penetration by unauthorized or insecure elements, and by detecting and preventing possible security hazards arising from actions, personal habits, associations, etc., of Agency employees.

5. The attachment is a statement of Colonel Edwards' experience and qualifications.

6. Standards applied in determining Colonel Edwards' qualifications for the position were aimed at ensuring the appointment of an individual of mature judgment, unquestionable objectivity, supported by substantial experience in the investigation, analysis, and evaluation of personnel security type data.

7. Colonel, United States Army.

With reference to your request for information as to the extent to which authority and responsibility for the review and evaluation of reports has been delegated to field installations, this is to advise that such review and evaluation is entirely a headquarters function and has not been delegated to any field installations.

Please feel free to request such additional information as may be desired.

Sincerely,

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L. E. White
Acting Deputy Director

Enclosure

Statement of Experience
and Qualifications of
Director of Security, CIA

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The Honorable John M. Macy, Jr.
Executive Director
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macy:

Your letter of 17 August 1953 inquired whether this Agency would furnish the Civil Service Commission the information needed to maintain the security investigations index in accordance with Sections 9(a) and (b) of Executive Order 10450. The problem was discussed in detail with your Office on 17 September 1953, and the complexities of security and cover problems encountered by this Agency were described. I believe it is evident that the recording of the names of employees and personnel of interest to this Agency would be detrimental to the Agency and its operations.

The security aspects of releasing information on Agency employees have been carefully considered from time to time, particularly with regard to my responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods, which is set forth in the National Security Act of 1949. In order to assure that I could carry out this responsibility, the Congress, in Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, exempted the Agency from all provisions of law requiring publication or disclosure of personnel data. I deem it necessary and proper, therefore, for this Agency to refrain from furnishing the information described in Sections 9(a) and (b) of Executive Order 10450 for the investigations index of the Civil Service Commission. We wish, however, to comply with the Commission's desires insofar as we can without impairing legitimate security requirements. As was agreed upon at the meeting, we will furnish the Commission with the names of all persons who are dismissed from this Agency under the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 or Executive Order 10450.

I greatly appreciate the understanding shown by you and your colleagues of the unique problems faced by this Agency in the conduct of its activities.

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Sincerely yours,

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